## INVITATION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

For Colorado Department of Transportation Region 6
Project Specific Traffic Engineering & Planning Environmental Linkage (PEL)
Public Notice for Professional Consultants

## Project # C 007-012 (16725) SH 7 PEL

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) intends to hire one (1) Professional Consultant for this Project. The selected Consultant will contract to provide project specific Traffic Design & a Planning Environmental Linkage evaluation. The contract will include those specific services set forth below. This selection **will** include the Interview Phase.

**DESCRIPTION:** Consultant services will consist of all work necessary to provide the following services:

CDOT has decided to hire a consultant to assist in managing and conducting a PEL Study to provide an improved overview and understanding of SH-7. The selected consultant team (hereinafter referred to as the Consultant) shall evaluate the existing and future operating conditions and features of SH-7. In this study, the consultant shall produce a Corridor Conditions Assessment Report with the goal of identifying existing and anticipated problem areas and identifying both the conflicting and the congruent visions of each jurisdiction and CDOT for the corridor. The consultant shall than produce a Corridor Feasibility Study for SH-7 with the goal of expressing a common vision for the corridor and recommend portions of the corridor for which an Access Control Plan should be implemented.

The objective of this Project is to work with Public Stakeholders to develop a strategic vision for SH-7 between Lafayette and I-76. CDOT anticipates the Cities of Brighton, Broomfield, Lafayette and Thornton, Adams and Boulder Counties, the Town of Erie, the Regional Transportation District, the Denver Regional Council of Governments and the Federal Highway Administration will actively participate in the study (Agencies).

The study area for this project includes State Highway 7 from US 85 (MP 76.99) to the junction of SH 287 and SH 7 (MP 62.0). This study area includes segments in Adams, Boulder, Broomfield and Weld Counties.

**PROJECT GOALS:** The goal is to address the increasing congestion along SH-7 and to determine the short-term through long-term transportation needs of the corridor. The study will also identify transportation improvement alternatives that balance anticipated access needs, which will arise from land use changes, with mobility.

## **Interested Consultants:**

The prime firm of each team must be on CDOT's list of prequalified consultants by **March 24, 2011.** Prequalification must be done annually. Consultants who are not prequalified or who have questions regarding their prequalification should immediately contact Michael Dapcevich, Agreements Office at telephone (303) 757-9618.

For the Capacity factor included in the Statement of Interest portion of the consultant's submittal, and described in the SOI/WP Preparation Instructions For Consultants, the prime firm must show, for the prime firm or any member of its team, capacity in the following disciplines:

EN Environmental Engineering, HD Highway & Street Design, TE Traffic Engineering

Interested firms shall submit seven (7) copies of the Statement of Interest/Work Plan no later than 12:00 noon local time March 31, 2011 to:

David A. Wells Contracting Officer Colorado Department of Transportation 4201 E. Arkansas Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - West Denver, CO 80222

The scope of work along with the latest "Consultant Instructions for the Statement of Interest/Work Plan" and the anticipated consultant selection schedule must be obtained from the address shown above or from the CDOT website: http://www.dot.state.co.us/Consultants/

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST/WORK PLANS RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED WILL BE REJECTED. THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST/WORK PLAN MUST COMPLY WITH CDOT'S STANDARDIZED FORMAT REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE REQUIRED FORMAT AS PROVIDED IN THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST/WORK PLAN INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN YOUR SUBMITTAL BEING REJECTED.

Questions of a technical nature regarding this project may be directed to:

Name: Jake Koenig

Organization: CDOT Project Manager, Region 6

**Telephone:** (303) 398-6745

CDOT will be holding interviews for this consultant selection. From those firms submitting a Statement of Interest/Work Plan (SOI/WP), CDOT will short-list no less than three firms for interviews, using the following criteria for final selection: Workload Factor; Project Team; Firm Capability; Past Performance on Similar Projects/Similar Teams; Work Location; Capacity; UDBE Participation; ESB Participation; Project Goals, Project Control, Project Concept, and Project Critical Issues, and those firms that make the Short-List will be scheduled for the Presentation/Interview process.

(Approximately 2-3 weeks from short-list notification)

NOTE: Firms submitting a Statement of Interest/Work Plan (SOI/WP) must, in their submitted SOI/WP, expressly commit, and identify by name, key employees of their own staff, as well as of the staffs of the sub-consultants on their teams, to be available to do the Work.

The Department has determined the contract goal for UDBE participation in this contract will be met with certified DBEs who have been determined to be underutilized on professional services contracts. At this time, **all DBEs** will be considered to be UDBEs.

The UDBE goal for this project is: 10% Ten Percent.

The type of compensation on this contract is anticipated to be in a "cost plus fixed fee" format, subject to further review by CDOT.

CDOT assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The right is also reserved by CDOT to reject any and all submittals.